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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF

ROBIN C. WIIK, RN License # 26NO11718300

TO PRACTICE NURSING IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Administrative Action

FINAL ORDER OF DISCIPLINE

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Nursing ("the Board") upon receipt of information which the Board has reviewed and upon which the following findings of fact and conclusions of law are made:

## FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Robin C. Wiik ("Respondent") is a Registered Professional Nurse (RN) in the State of New Jersey, and has been a licensee at all times relevant hereto.
- 2. On or about January 29, 2014, Respondent was asked to provide the Board with documentation of nursing continuing education completed within the last three years.
- Respondent indicated that she was unable to locate documentation of continuing education completed within the last three years.
- 4. On Respondent's renewal application for 2013, Respondent indicated that she would have completed all required continuing education for the June 1, 2011 May 31, 2013 biennial period by May 31, 2013.

## CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Respondent's inability to demonstrate completion of continuing education requirements for the June 1, 2011 – May 31, 2013 biennial period constitutes a violation of N.J.A.C. 13:37-5.3, subjecting respondent to sanctions pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e) and (h).

Respondent's indication on her 2013 renewal application that she would complete all required continuing education for the June 1, 2011 – May 31, 2013 biennial period by May 31, 2013 constitutes misrepresentation in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(b).

## DISCUSSION

Based on the foregoing findings and conclusions, a Provisional Order of
Discipline seeking a suspension, reprimand and two hundred and fifty dollar (\$250) civil
penalty was entered on July 7, 2014. Copies were served upon Respondent via regular
and certified mail. The Provisional Order was subject to finalization by the Board at
5:00 p.m. on the thirtieth day following entry unless Respondent requested a
modification or dismissal of the stated findings of fact and conclusions of law by setting
forth in writing any and all reasons why said findings and conclusions should be
modified or dismissed and submitting any and all documents or other written evidence
supporting Respondent's request for consideration and reasons therefor.

Respondent replied to the Provisional Order of Discipline by providing certificates of belated completion of thirty hours of continuing education completed in August 2014.

Respondent failed to demonstrate timely completion of any hours of continuing education within the June 1, 2011 – May 31, 2013 biennial period. Respondent may apply the thirty hours completed in August 2014 to cure the deficiency of the June 1,

2011 – May 31, 2013 biennial period, but those same thirty hours may not also be used to satisfy the requirements of the current biennial period. Respondent must complete another thirty hours prior to May 31, 2015 to satisfy the requirements of the current biennial period.

The Board reviewed Respondent's submissions and determined that further proceedings were not necessary and that no material discrepancies had been raised. The Board was not persuaded that the submitted materials merited further consideration, as Respondent did not dispute the findings of fact or conclusions of law. Inasmuch as Respondent cured her continuing education deficiency of the previous biennial period, the Board determined that suspension was no longer warranted. However, the Board determined that Respondent's failure to complete required continuing education within the appropriate time frame warrants imposition of a two hundred and fifty dollar (\$250) civil penalty. Similarly, Respondent's false answer on the renewal application indicating that she had completed the required continuing education warrants a reprimand.

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2014, ORDERED that:

- A reprimand is hereby imposed for Respondent's violation of <u>N.J.S.A.</u>
   45:1-21(b).
- 2. A two hundred and fifty dollar (\$250) civil penalty is hereby imposed for the violation of N.J.A.C. 13:37-5.3. The Board acknowledges receipt of a money order for two hundred and fifty dollars and will process same as payment of the civil penalty.

3. In addition to the thirty hours of continuing education completed in August 2014, Respondent shall complete thirty hours of continuing education prior to May 31, 2015 to satisfy the requirements of the current biennial period of June 1, 2013 – May 31, 2015.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF NURSING

Ву:

Patricia Murphy, PhD, APN

**Board President**